

Media Release

World Pipe Band Championships return to Glasgow Green in August

The World Pipe Band Championships will be held at Glasgow Green in August, The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association and Glasgow Life, the charity which delivers culture and sport in Glasgow has confirmed.

The event is being held on Friday 12 August and Saturday 13 August for the first time since the summer of 2019, because of the global pandemic.

Thousands of pipers and drummers are expected to compete for the ultimate prize in pipe band competition; to be recognised as the best in the world.

Tickets will be on sale soon for this unforgettable occasion which attracts competitors and spectators from all over the world to Scotland.

Ian Embelton, Chief Executive of The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association said : “The return of the World Pipe Band Championships is being keenly anticipated by the pipers, drummers and music fans everywhere. The sights and sounds of the competitions in full flow are unforgettable for everyone who experiences them and bands are already rehearsing so they will be ready to enter the arenas again. The Worlds are an occasion to anticipate and savour and we cant wait to return to Glasgow this summer.”

Bailie Annette Christie, Chair of Glasgow Life said: “The World Pipe Band Championships are one of the foundations of the summer events programme in Glasgow and the city can look forward to another outstanding showcase of musical talent. The Worlds and Piping Live! combine to bring streets and venues around Glasgow alive with the sounds of pipers and drummers performing. The World Pipe Band Championships are a wonderful celebration of Scottish culture and an occasion that lives long in the memory.”

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland Director of Events, said: “EventScotland is delighted to be continuing its support of the World Pipe Band Championships and we look forward to welcoming pipers from across the world to Glasgow Green this August for the first time in two years. There is no better place to experience piping and after the challenges of the last two years, now is the time to plan and enjoy this amazing event which will stir the emotions.

“The World Pipe Band Championships play an important role in the Scottish event calendar, as it attracts international visitors to Scotland and helps to reinforce Scotland’s place as the perfect stage for international events.”

Glasgow first hosted the World Pipe Band Championships in 1948 and has been the host city for the event every year since 1986.

The World Pipe Band Championships are the pinnacle of competitive Pipe Band competition and are organised on behalf of The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association by Glasgow Life. Inveraray and District Pipe Band were the World Champions in 2019.

The Worlds, as they are often called, take place in Glasgow at the same time as Piping Live! which this year runs between Friday 6 August and Sunday 14 August 2022. Both events are supported by Glasgow Life, Glasgow City Council and EventScotland, part of VisitScotland's Events Directorate.